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1. The reply filed on Feb 8, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): There is no clean copy of claim 48. The amendment practice set forth in 37 CFR 1.121 requires a clean copy of an amended claim as well as a marked up copy. Both versions of claim 48 submitted in the amendment include markings, however the markings do not appear identical for each version. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above - mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. All further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 3618.

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